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In re Application of:

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ANALYZER PROCESS CONTROL
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED DECEMBER 17, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 17, 2002 for which the date for response is January 17, 2003.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. Deposit Account No. 01-0365/TT3698.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects, with traverse, to prosecute claims 1-15, *i.e.*, the Group I claims.

The Restriction Requirement, the provides no support for the restriction of Groups II and III from Groups I and IV. Thus, the Restriction Requirement fails to establish *prima facie* the propriety of the restriction as to Groups II (claims 16-21) and III (claims 22-27). Applicant furthermore respectfully submits that, even if the inventions in Groups II and III can be classed different from Group I, for example, their examination would produce no additional burden on the Office.

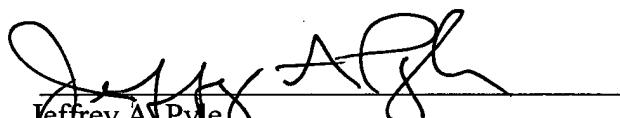
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (713) 934-4053 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.



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